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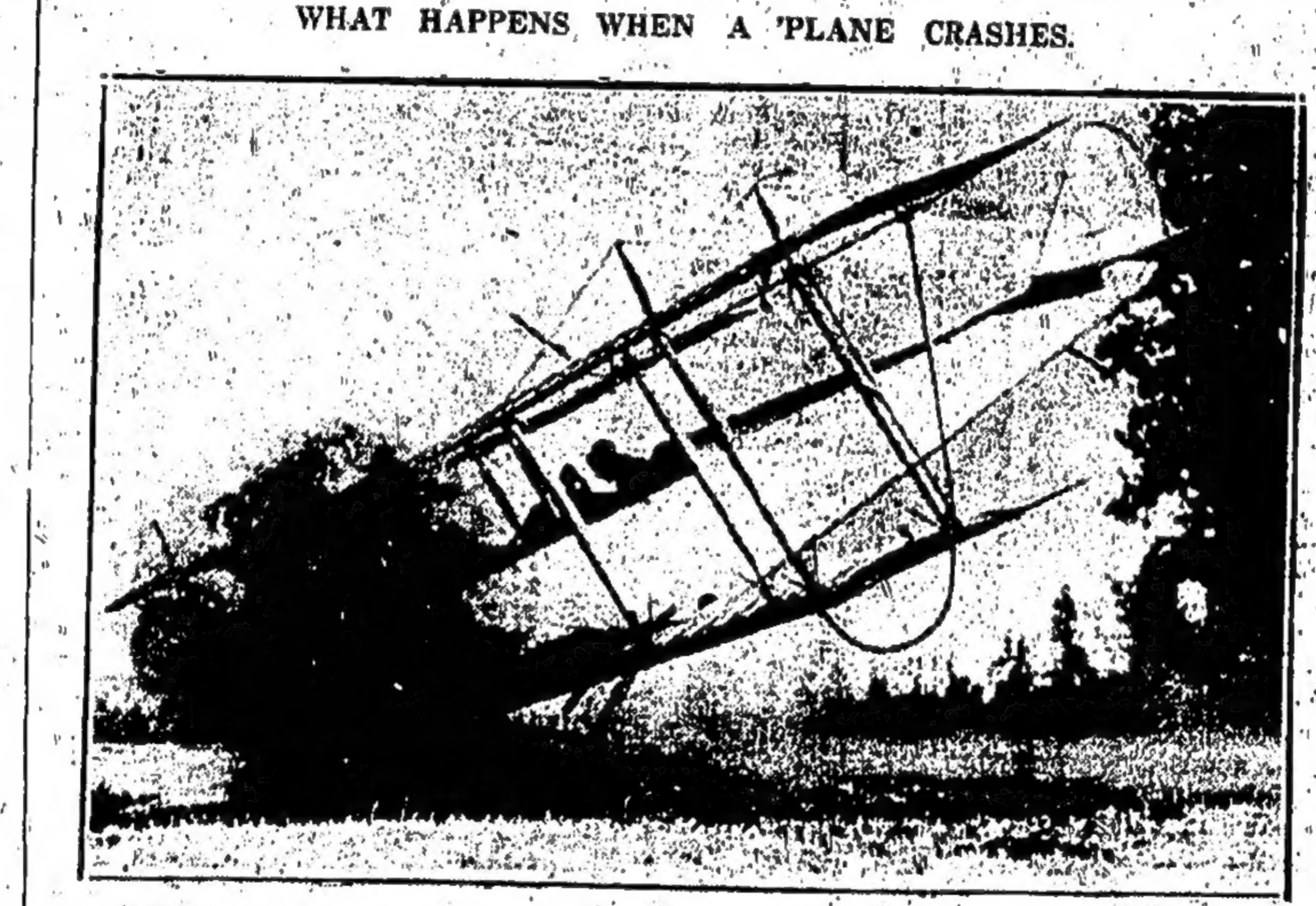
**HURLED TO DEATH.  
TERRIBLE AEROPLANE DISASTER.  
EIGHT LIVES LOST.  
Christmas Eve Tragedy At Home.**  
A terrible aeroplane disaster, costing eight lives, occurred at Home just before Christmas.  
(Reuter's Service.)  
London, December 24.  
Nine persons were killed when the air express from London to Paris crashed in the Croydon aerodrome this morning and burst into flames. The victims were the pilot and eight passengers.  
Later.  
Eight persons not nine were killed—five men and three women.  
The aeroplane had just started for Paris at noon when it crashed about half-a-mile from the starting point. It dived nose downwards, the front engine burying itself in the ground. The petrol tank then burst into flames; the petrol caught fire and the flames quickly spread to the body and wings.  
A crowd rushed to the spot to help, but the heat was so intense people were unable to approach the plane, which was reduced to ashes within ten minutes.  
The machine was a De Havilland 450 horse-power and belonged to the Imperial Airways, Ltd., a combination of British firms formed early in the year to work air transport services with the Continent.  
Passengers' Terrible End.  
When the fire occurred, all the passengers were probably unconscious, if not dead, as the tail of the plane tilted up so high that they were all thrown in a heap so forcibly that the bodies bore marks of injuries otherwise unaccountable.



**IMPERIAL AIRWAY.  
New Company's Big Scheme.**  
The Imperial Airways, Ltd., which at present is operating from Croydon, will open a regular route to Southern Europe in the Spring of 1925. Already the company is negotiating with the Government to obtain control of the Cairo-Bagdad aeroplane mail and

**COLOGNE EVACUATION.  
M. HERRIOT CONSIDERS  
IT IMPOSSIBLE.  
CABINET SUPPORTS HIM.**  
(Reuter's Service.)  
Paris, December 24.  
The Cabinet has approved a memorandum from M. Herriot, expressing the opinion that it is impossible to evacuate the Cologne zone.  
GIST OF MEMORANDUM.  
M. Herriot's memorandum declares that information from Germany is sufficient already to demonstrate that, in conformity with the Treaty of Versailles, it is impossible to evacuate the Cologne zone by January 10. The memorandum states inter-alia that negotiations are continuing "in the greatest agreement."

**A PIRATE PLOT?  
River Steamers' Danger.  
FIREARMS THE LURE.  
SOME STARTLING KONGMOON RUMOURS.**  
(From Our Own Correspondent.)  
Paklai, Kongmoon, Dec. 24.  
That pirate hordes are after the firearms carried aboard ships of the convoys and will stop at nothing to get them, is the gist of a sensational rumour current here just now.  
As is well known, the number of river steamers leaving Kongmoon for Hongkong every night and vice versa is almost equal to the number engaged in the Hongkong-Canton trade. On alternate nights the s.s. "Tai Lee" and "On Lee" leave each port and they act as "mother-ships" to either the up or down convoy as the case may be.  
Startling though it may sound, the plot is alleged to be one of attempting openly to attack the convoys and "surround" the "Tai Lee" and "On Lee"—whatever "surround" may mean.  
Both Well-Armed.  
In connection with the above, it should be noted that the "Tai Lee" figures prominently in the annals of local piracy. This vessel was once attacked and successfully robbed when Captain Wilcox lost his life and two Indian guards were shot down. During a later trip she was subjected to a converging fire from the river bank,




**"HOLY YEAR."  
POPE OPENS DOOR OF ST. PETERS.**  
Brilliant Ceremony.  
(Reuter's Service.)  
Rome, December 24.  
"Holy Year," which is celebrated every quarter of a century and is expected to bring millions of pilgrims to Rome in 1925, was inaugurated to-day by the Pope opening the Holy Door of St. Peter's. It was a most impressive and brilliant ceremony.  
The Pope, attended by his religious and secular court, walked in procession to St. Peter's and, amid solemn silence, thrice struck the door with a gold hammer saying in Latin, "aperite mihi portas justitiae"—open to me the doors of justice.  
Whereupon the workmen slowly lowered the door, which had already been cut away from the wall, and rolled it from the entrance sides. The threshold was then washed with holy water before the Pope passed through.  
Bells Peal Forth.  
The bells of St. Peter's and of 400 other Churches in Rome then pealed forth, announcing that Holy Year had begun.  
After the ceremony the doors of St. Peter's were thrown open to crowds of the faithful, who passed through the newly opened door, symbolising the eternal doors of the City of God, each kissing the door-post as he passed.

**POPE OPENS FAMOUS HOLY DOOR.**  
Jane Novak, the slender blonde beauty now appearing in the F.B.O. production, "The Lullaby" at the World Theatre, is to remain at the local showhouse only two more days. Those who have not seen this, the latest and greatest vehicle in which this beautiful screen actress scores a notable success, have missed a rare treat, for the picture contains an unusual combination of thrilling, vital drama vividly portrayed by a cast of skillful artists, as well as an impressive lesson in intolerance. Its happy ending completes an intensely gripping tale of the heart-breaking tribulations of a big city, and presents a plea for justice to the illiterate foreigner who is grossly misunderstood because of his unfamiliarity with the American language and customs.

**OUR XMAS DAY.  
HOW IT WAS SPENT.  
YESTERDAY'S DOINGS.  
Special Services In The Churches.**  
Hongkong celebrated Christmas Day quietly but enjoyably, the unfriendly weather of the morning soon giving way to better conditions.  
Sounds of music, lightly tripping feet, or of more uproarious diversions, trickling last night through floors, ceilings, doors and windows—these to him who chanced upon the streets last night or endeavoured to "turn in" early in anticipation of jollifications to come were the indications of how once again in Hongkong was vindicated the age long glory of December 25.  
Few indeed must have been the European houses with interiors not gay with evergreen and bunting and in the hall of which did not figure the suggestive bunch of mistletoe, for however many carnivals and dances may be attended in the course of the festive season, Xmas Day never loses its significance as a family day with, wherever possible, family reunions.  
To-night will be the occasion for even greater jollity for whereas attendance at Xmas parties may sometimes be largely due to a sense of duty, one may choose one's own company at such dances as will be held at the Hongkong Hotel Grill room to-night—bookings for which, by the way, have had to be closed, as

**UNION CHURCH.**  
That the fun and merriment of Xmas might rise to great height and yet not reach the level of that expressed in his text was the suggestion of the Rev. J. Horace Johnston in the course of his Xmas address at the Union Church, Kennedy Road yesterday morning.  
The text was "When they saw the star they rejoiced with exceeding great joy," the speaker enlarging on the three elements of the joy of the holy men. They were conscious, he said, of a Divine providence which had guided them; that providence was still the same and our joy to-day might be increased as that of the shepherds was if we but availed ourselves of it. The heavens were friendly towards us too.  
The second element in their joy had been that they had been led to the cradle of a young child. Our joy, too, might be increased by gathering round us at this time those of whom Dr. Pulsford had so aptly referred to as "world types of heavenly influence."  
"O tender gems and full of heaven,  
Not in the twilight stars on high,  
Not in the moist flowers of even,  
See we our God so nigh."  
The address closed, with an appeal for surrender to Him who was worthy of the best we could give him. Our joy would then be as that of the holy men who found an object wholly worthy of their adoration and homage.



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A LOCAL SERMON.

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Some heavy timber had been placed against a newly-built wall on the other side of which some people were seated. The wall suddenly collapsed, burying several people amongst the debris and timber.

The police and Fire Brigade arrived promptly on the scene and effected rescue work.

Mary treasured up all these things,"—the memory of the first angels, who paid homage to the infant Jesus, the shepherds, from the fields around Bethlehem, and the memory of their story, "the angel messenger and the earliest angel."—"I bring you good-

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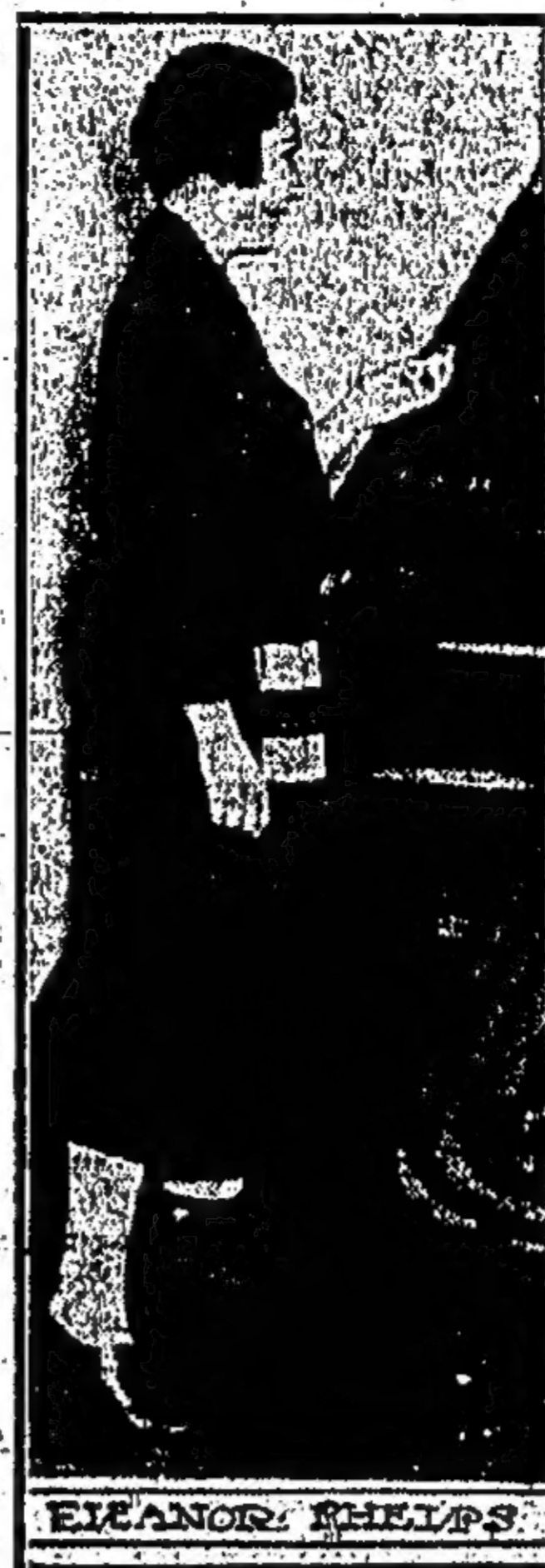
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## "SHOT OF DESTINY."



This painting, "The Shot of Destiny," the work of David Cunningham Lithgow, is soon to be unveiled in the Essex County Court House, in Elizabeth New Jersey. The painting portrays the beginning of the brief battle of Samuel de Champlain and his Huron Indian allies with a war party of Iroquois. It shows the explorer firing the shot which was destined to exert an influence to which historians believe all subsequent events in American colonial history may be traced.

## Measuring Exertion.



Miss Eleanor Phelps, a university student, is shown here, with watch in hand, ready to run upstairs, as part of her studies. The watch will measure the extent of energy or excitement entailed in mounting the steps rapidly.

## FIGURES IN THE NEWS SPOTLIGHT.



EDGAR A. BANCROFT. HAZEL BOYNE. THOMAS H. INCE. PATRICK CARDINAL HAYES.

Thomas H. Ince, youthful motion picture producer, who featured Bill Hart, Charles Ray, Frank Keenan, Louise Glaum and Douglas MacLean, dropped dead at his home, "Dias Dorados," in Beverly Hills, Los Angeles. Edgar A. Bancroft, now American Ambassador to Japan, has been received in audience by the Prince Regent in Tokio. Patrick Cardinal Hayes, one of the youngest Cardinals in the Catholic Church, has just passed his fifty-seventh birthday. "Get me out of jail and I'll be a good boy," written in an appealing note to Hazel "Sunny" Boyne, actress, failed to get her to drop alimony charge against Robert Stuart Eschelman, known on the stage as Don Roberts.

## SIX-YEAR-OLD WORLD TRAVELLER.



Meta Rubke, six-year-old German girl, en route from Berlin to California, unaccompanied, permits F. E. Beck to punch her ticket as she leaves the Washington Union Station for the West. Mrs. M. C. Holiday, of the Travellers' Aid Society, put her on the train.

## Woman Diver.



One of the largest wrecking and salvaging companies of the United States with headquarters in New York City, has employed Miss Hilda Johnson as a deep sea diver, the first woman to undertake such hazardous work in America.

## NOBLE WOMAN OPENS SHOP



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WELL-DOUGAN-HERE IS YOUR BIRTHDAY PRESENT-IT'S TOO BAD YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO ENJOY 'EM!

IT IS THAT! IT'S TOO BAD THAT WE MADE THE BET.

YOU KNOW-IF YOU WUZNT SO STUBBORN-WE COULD CALL THIS BET OFF!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKIN' ABOUT-IM WILLIN' TO CALL THE BET OFF.

BY GOLLY-I WUZ A FOOL TO BET YOU I WOULDN'T SMOKE BEFORE YOU WOULD!

NO-JIGGS-I WUZ THE FOOL FER TAKIN' YOU UP ON IT-BUT IT'S ALL RIGHT NOW!

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